

The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

**THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

Helen Burton	Chair
Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
John Coggeshall	Member
Monica Comeaux	Member
Debra Harper	Member
David Popken	Member
Heather Cable	Member
Stephanie Martinez	Executive Administrative Assistant

Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**1.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**1.1 Presentation and discussion on landscaping along SH146. (Sean Landis)**

Sean Landis, Community Development Director/Deputy City Manager, presented a PowerPoint of the SH146 aesthetic improvements.

**1.2 Presentations on removal of invasive species at Seabrook Prairie. (George Kyame)**

George Kyame reported that that prairie looks great. He is looking for places to plant Spider Lilies. He is also keeping track of his volunteer hours.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Seabrook resident Bob Momeier, brought forth his concerns about the relocation of the waste water treatment plant.

- The lay out of the waste water treatment plant has the discharge of the plant going directly into Pine Gully Creek.
- A huge volume of water will be going into the creek.
- Only individuals that are located within 1 mile of the site were notified that the City applied for a permit to relocated the waste water treatment plant.

Mr. Momeier did file a formal protest with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ). He is looking for a resolution with the City on how to reroute the discharge of the plant. Since Pine Gully Creek is connected to three parks, he decided to start with the Open Space & Trails Committee.

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director, Sean Landis, gave a quick insight into the relocation of the waste water treatment plant. Stating that, it's current location is in a hazardous location. The threat being that in the event of a disaster, the City may have to "truck out" the sewage and it could be months before the residents of Seabrook can move back into their homes. A threat like this can potentially bankrupt the City. The relocation site of the waste water treatment plant is in an area that is elevated, not in the flood plain, and out of the way of residential development.

47     **3.0     UPDATES**

48     **3.1     Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**

- 49             • Hope Bean with Rootimentary will be planting native milkweed at Wild Life Park on May  
50                 12, 2018.

51     **3.2     Chair's update on meeting with City Staff.**

- 52             • Member Antrobus applied for a bird grant  
53             • Recruitment of more volunteers are wanted to help remove tallow and privet  
54             • The City has taken over the landscaping for Veterans Memorial  
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56     **3.3     Report on Keep Seabrook Beautiful Trash-Off event.**

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58             Keep Seabrook Beautiful Trash-Off event was held on April 28, 2018 and was successful with the  
59             6 volunteers who attended. A total of 18 bags of trash and recyclables were picked up along NASA  
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62             Keep Seabrook Beautiful Trash-Off event may be moved to the fall next year since Trash Bash  
63             takes place in the spring.

64     **4.0     DISCUSSION ITEMS**

65     **4.1     Discussion on a birding event to be held in the City of Seabrook's Parks.**

66             Discussion with the Houston Audubon Society is needed to establish a future event in the City of  
67             Seabrook.

68             The Public Works facility can be used to host a meeting in the future.

69     **4.2     Discussion on making Baybrook more inviting, including the grooming of the hedge.**

70             Four tallows died and were removed from the park.

71     **4.3     Discussion on planting native wild flower seeds along Hester Creek.**

72             No updated information at the time.

73     **4.4     Discussion on trash cans and recycle cans in the Seabrook parks.**

74             No updated information at the time.

75     **4.5     Discussion on Bird Conservation Grant.**

76             The grant application has been submitted prior to the deadline and Committee awaits the results.

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79     **4.6     Discussion on the relocation of trees in front of Walgreens.**

80             The Committee will look around the City and see where the 10 trees outside of Walgreens can be  
81             relocated.

82     **4.7     Discussion on volunteer hours.**

83             The Committee members gave their volunteer hours to Chair Burton during the meetings to keep  
84             records current.

85     **4.8     Discussion on erosion control at Pine Gully.**

86             Member Coggeshall suggests a wood fiber mat to help control erosion at Pine Gully. This mat will  
87             hold the seeds in place, provide nutrients, and will need some watering when it does not rain.

88     **5.0     ROUTINE BUSINESS**

89     **5.1     Approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting.**

90             Motion was made by Member Popken and seconded by Member Harper

91             To approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting

92             MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

93     **5.2     Consider and take all appropriate action concerning the Action Item Checklist.**

94             Chair Burton gave an overview of the upcoming quarterly report to City Council.

95     **5.3     Consider and take all appropriate action concerning recommendations to Public Works  
96             Director on projects.**

97             No updated information at the time.

98     **5.4     Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.**

99             The next meeting date is June 7, 2018.

100            By Committee consensus, the next agenda items include:

- 101               • Removing presentation and discussion on landscaping of SH146
- 102               • Removing report on Keep Seabrook Beautiful Trash-Off event
- 103               • Removing discussion on planting native wild flowers along Hester Creek

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111 Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Helen Burton,  
Chair

  
Stephanie Martinez,  
Executive Administrative Assistant